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For :	NUCLEOTIDE AND/OR)
	AMINO-ACID SEQUENCE)
	CONTROLLING THE)
	EXPRESSION OF A)
	XYLANASE PROMOTER-)
	OPERATOR NUCLEOTIDE)
	SEQUENCE)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to Examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1 of the Specification, line 12, after the Title of the Invention, please insert -This is the U.S. National Phase of International Application PCT/BE99/00105, filed August 12, 1999, which claims priority of U.S. Provisional Application, 60/096,556, filed August 14, 1998--.

On page 3, line 31, please cancel the word "pairs" and substitute in its place --pair--.

On page 5, line 10, please cancel the word "hybridisation" and substitute in its place --hybridization--.